

done nothing in mission work this month. The calls have been numerous and urgent but we were compelled to turn them all aside. We hope to enter the work again the first Sunday of April. At which time the Lord willing we will begin a series of meetings at North Liberty. After this meeting we will give attention to several congregations now inactive.

By the consent of the Mission Board I will from the first of April till the first of October give one half my time to the state work, one-half time to evangelistic work. By this movement we hope to make our work more effective. In the little time so far given to the work there has been no opportunity to do work which can be shown in print but we believe that the results yet to come will prove time and money well spent.

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#### College Notes

The attendance this term is much less than it was during the fall and winter terms. There is, however, an increase of nearly fifty per cent. over the attendance during the spring term last year.

The literary societies each presented a program Friday evening which was well attended and appreciated.

Many of the students who were obliged to leave on account of summer work, expressed their intention of returning next fall. They also spoke many encouraging words concerning the interest manifested by the teachers, and the excellent treatment they had received. Our normal students have nearly all secured teacher's certificates and some are now teaching. They are enthusiastic over the work they have done here and if our own people were as enthusiastic over the college as the people in Ashland county, we would have a large attendance next September.

Isn't there some one in your congregation or neighborhood that contemplates attending school somewhere next year? If so, why not remind them of Ashland? Put a catalog in their hands. At least have them compare the advantages we offer before they go elsewhere. The location could scarcely be better. It is beautiful and healthful. The expenses are lower than at any other similar school in the country.

To the friends of the college, the rapid and substantial growth of the city public library is a matter of congratulation, and all students have free and easy access to its treasures. More than a hundred volumes, including many valuable public documents, were added last week.

Never before were so many opportunities or great advantages offered to young men and women of cultured brains as today; the measure of success attainable is commensurate with the education possessed, and the tact and diligence by which they are directed. This closing year of the nineteenth century witnessed a great era of prosperity

in our history, and it presages for the twentieth century a great mechanical age, which will witness the emancipation of man from burdensome toil and bring to him opportunities for mental cultivation and enjoyment, of which no other age ever dreamed. To prepare for these new conditions men are supporting and building colleges, and affording their children opportunities for higher education.

Pittsburg, Pa.

Since my last report to the EVANGELIST there have been two accessions to "our little church." We are praying and looking for more.

Last Wednesday evening we had with us Brother Mackey, who kindly gave us a few remarks, on the 18th verse of the 11 chapter of I Cor. We all enjoyed the brother's remarks very much and also the prayer meeting under his leadership.

We had a blessed communion service Thursday evening, there were fifty-seven present. We were very happy to see so many new faces around the tables; and, on the other hand, we were sorry to miss some familiar faces. Some of these absent ones will never take their place at the communion table with us here on earth, and, as our pastor said last night in his remarks to us, some who were present at this communion may not be here to our next, and other new ones will be coming to take the place of those gone. It has just been two years since Brother Darling came to us as our pastor. The church has increased under his pastorate. Not only has it increased numerically and financially; but better, socially and spiritually. Our pastor is one of God's true children, and one who prays often and fervently. And prayer is the power that leads to success.

By next fall we expect to be in our new church, and our pastor in the parsonage. Plans are being made to secure money sufficient to pay for them. We have an active "Ladies' Aid," and every one of them is working for the paying of the new church. Our Sunday-school is doing well. The school appointed Wednesday evening after prayer meeting for our teacher's meeting. Brother Darling was appointed leader of the same. Last Wednesday we held our first meeting, and every one of the teachers present expressed themselves as being pleased and benefited by the same.

Our Y. P. S. C. E. is working well. We have the books now on the Mission Work, and expect soon to organize a reading circle and read the course of books.

Brother D. J. Bole is doing a good work as you can see by last week's EVANGELIST. Altho we miss him on Sunday we are glad to have one of our number who is reaching out and doing good elsewhere.

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For the benefit of the readers of the EVANGELIST we again contribute our mite of news, altho we have nothing of special importance to report. As a church we are moving along in the even tenor of our way with our regular services and regular attendance with perhaps a little increase with the latter. The church met in council on Saturday, the 24, and transacted the usual amount of business. All business was dispatched in the spirit of the Master. Surely such meetings are enjoyed. Among the business done here at that meeting was the presentation and consideration of the Washington City church and followed with a collection which resulted in a cash sum of seventeen dollars and sixty cents which sum has been forwarded to brother J. C. Cassel. Then we presented the Ohio State Mission and followed with another collection, and as a result we will soon forward to brother J. D. Findley the sum of ten dollars. Now I wish to say right here before I forget it that we propose to join in the praise services over the success of the Washington City church and say now "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The Brethren church can accomplish wonders if she will and let all pray God to give her the will. Now, brethren, as we gained the victory at Washington, D. C. let us say on to Chicago and Dayton. The Gretna church, Logan Co., is not the last nor the least to respond to mission work. When the Washington City church was presented to them they responded to the amount of fifteen dollars, and also for the home mission they have given five dollars. While they are not strong numerically they have few equals spiritually. We think we know the Gretna people, as we closed our fifth year as pastor there March 18, and with the unanimous voice of the church we begin our sixth year there April the 1, and we pray that the ensuing year may be the most prosperous year of our work.

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Mexico Church, Ind.

Our quarterly business meeting came off Saturday evening, March 24, and was one of the most encouraging ever held here. All most the entire membership was present. The reports for the quarter show all departments of the work to be in a prosperous condition. Thus the work moves steadily on.

At this meeting the church called brother L. S. Bauman to the pastorate another year by a unanimous vote. Of all present there was not one dissenting vote. By untiring zeal and earnest effort Brother Bauman has endeared himself to the hearts of the Mexico people. He has the boldness to preach the whole gospel and the gospel alone. I believe that I voice the sentiments of the church when I say that we are ever ready to stand by and uphold the man who has the courage to denounce sin in all its various forms whether in the church or out of it, in the social institution, or the political world. Let us denounce a system which puts a premium on vice by giving it a look of respectability.